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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Sir:

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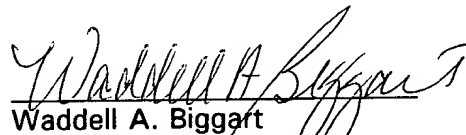
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The submission of the attached English language abstract along with International Publication No. WO99/16087 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.

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